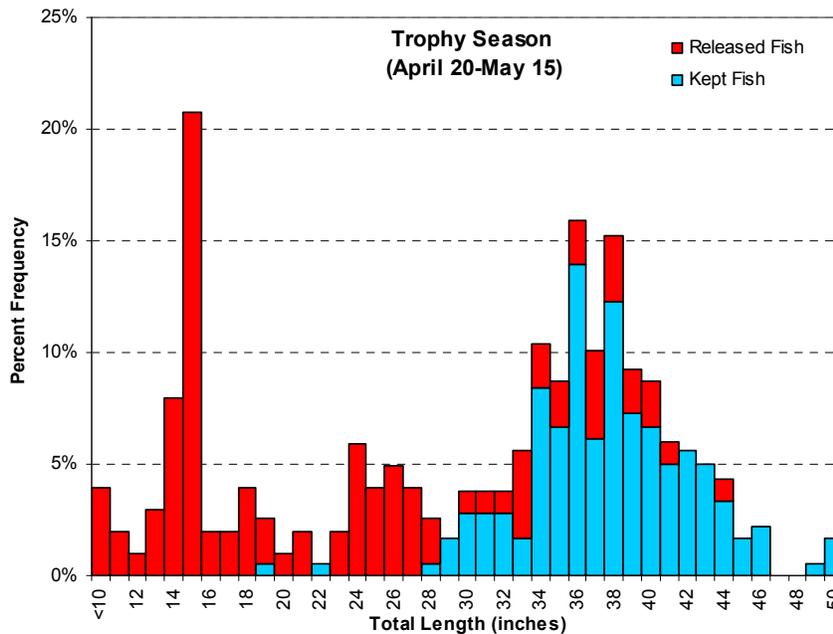




## Striped Bass Volunteer Angler Survey 2013 Data Summary

Here are some things we learned from data submitted by cooperating striped bass anglers in 2013.



### Released Fish

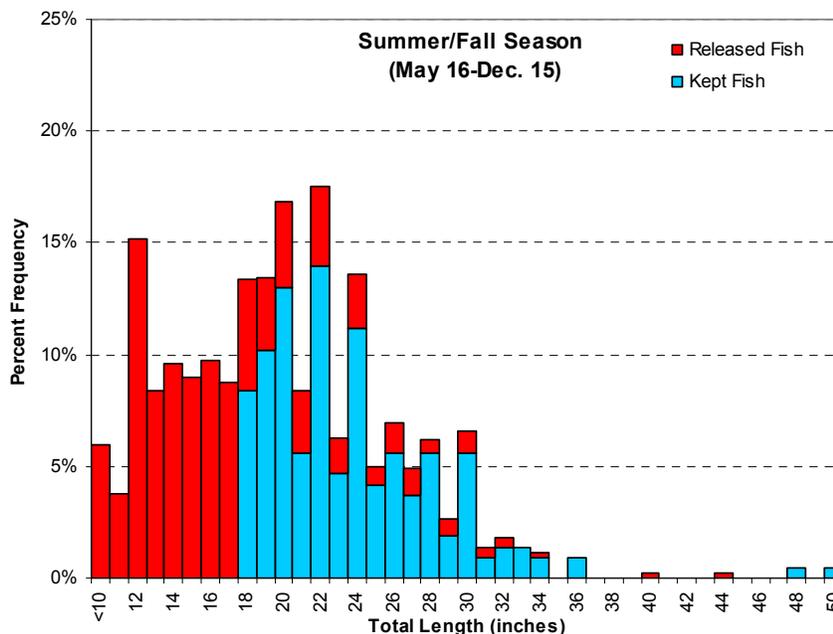
- Sample size: 101 fish
- Average size: 22.8 inches TL

### Kept Fish

- Sample size: 179 fish
- Average size: 37.7 inches TL

### Methods

- 73% were caught trolling
- 7% were caught jigging



### Released Fish

- Sample size: 501 fish
- Average size: 16.3 inches TL

### Kept Fish

- Sample size: 215 fish
- Average size: 23.7 inches TL

### Methods

- 29% were caught live lining
- 18% were caught casting
- 16% were caught chumming
- 13% were caught trolling

### **Fun Facts**

- 159 anglers reported a total of 258 fishing trips.
- 71% of the total fish reported were caught from private boats, 15% from charter boats, 9% from shore, and 4% from piers.
- Anglers reported 1.6 trips on average. The maximum number of trips reported by an angler was 33.
- The largest fish submitted was 50.5 inches.
- The peak in 15 inch fish released during the trophy season is due to the above average 2011 year class. These fish should begin reaching 18 inches in 2014!

### **The Striped Bass Program needs your help to collect more data!**

#### **How we use the data:**

- Data submitted by cooperating anglers, combined with data collected by fisheries scientists, is used to characterize the size and age composition of recreational harvest and releases
- Size composition of the catch is used to help determine minimum and maximum size regulations

**Participation has been declining and we need your data! More data helps us do our job managing striped bass so tell your friends and family who fish about the survey!**

#### **We need:**

- Data from trips and catch on Chesapeake Bay, the Atlantic Coast, and the Susquehanna Flats
- And be sure to provide the length and fate (kept or released) of **each fish** so your data can be used in fisheries management analyses

**THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!  
YOUR DATA PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN FISHERIES  
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